All maintenance instructions issued by M/s Rolls Royce are being followed meticulously in the IAF. Accidents on the IAF aircrafts, including the Jaguar, can occur because of various reasons like Human Error, Technical Defects, Bird Hits, Foreign Object Damage and Normal Operations Risks.

Induction of Arjun Main Battel Tanks

3035. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the results of the field trials conducted in June last in Rajasthan on five indigenous Arjun Main Battle Tanks; and

(b) if the trials have been successful, by when the tank is likely to be inducted in the army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The first batch of five production version of Arjun tanks, was scheduled to go through comparative trials in June, 2005 by Army. During the preparatory stage, certain units did not pass acceptance criteria. These are being rectified for the trials.

Forgery by company supplying surveillance equipment

3036. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the company that supplied bulk of surveillance and counter surveillance equipment to Government agencies including Military Intelligence and Intelligence Bureau has been investigated for alleged forgery and intelligence sale to private parties;

(b) if so, what are the main points of inquiry conducted;

(c) whether CBI has submitted its report to the Government; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for considering CBI suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) As and when matters relating to firms indulging in fraudulent activities

are reported to the Government, the same are investigated and if *prima facie* found correct necessary action is taken. A case has been recently ♦ referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for inquiry, in which a firm was *prima facie* found to be engaged in fraudulent activities. The details of investigation by the CBI are awaited.

Nexus between Naxals and MCC in Bihar

† 3037. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of this fact that the M.C.C. operating in the State of Bihar has nexus with the Nepalese Maoists thereby posing a grave threat to the security of the country;

(b) if so, the concrete steps being taken by Government to deal with this situation;

(c) whether Government would seek help from the Nepalese army to prevent infiltration of Maoists into the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As per available inputs, there are fraternal and logistic links between Nepalese Maoists and Naxalite groups in India. Keeping in view the CPN (Maoists) activities in Nepal and their likely impact on our security, SSB, the Border Guarding Force, has intensified vigil along the Indo-Nepal Border. The States bordering Nepal have also been advised to intensify vigil in, and patrolling of, the areas bordering Nepal to prevent ingress of the Maoist elements. Akhil Bharat Nepal Ekta Samaj (ABNES), a CPN (Maoist) front organisation, continues to be banned at **a** terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended in 2004. Both Nepal and India have resolved not to permit their respective territories for activities inimical to either country. SSB and State Police have so far arrested 36 CPN (Maoists)/their supporters in the current year mainly from Bihar.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.